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## Committee Advising the N.D. Medicaid Program to Meet March 13

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet Thurs., March 13, 2014, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at the State Capitol. The public is welcome to attend.

The committee meets quarterly to hear reports and to advise the department about the operation of the Medicaid program, which is the state and federally-funded health program that serves qualifying low-income elderly individuals, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities.

Meeting agenda items include updates on the N.D. Medicaid state plan and administrative rules, developmental disability waiver amendment, autism wavier and voucher, Medicaid Expansion, Money Follows the Person transitions, long-term care study, and new federal rules pertaining to home and community-based services.

Additional agenda items include discussion on program integrity efforts and an overview of long-term care, assisted living, and the role of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. A complete agenda is online at <a href="https://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html">www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html</a>.

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The committee includes legislators, advocates, and representatives from health care provider associations, independent living centers, the County Social Service Directors Association, the Governor's Office, the N.D. Department of Health, the N.D. Department of Human Services, and a family member of a program recipient.

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